

ABSTRACT

This thesis is trying to analyze the effect of Marxism that appear in main characters' behavior in the 19th century when the industrialisation era appeared. Class differences make people struggle to live in that era. Material is one of the benchmarks in determining a person's social class. Marxism is used to examine class differences and social struggles that arise in society. Class differences that occur can be measured by several variables, such as the number of properties owned, position in society, and the use of language in everyday conversations depicted in *Hard Times*. Class differences bring its own problem in society. Problems that arise are the problem of high class (the owners of property) and the lower class (workers). Problems which appear in the community make the characters struggle to survive in difficult situation. People have their own purpose in struggling. People struggle to defend the class, struggle for principal, and struggle for economic justice. Hard situation make people change their behavior in order to change their life into better one.

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